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S.B. No. 1710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to financial assistance for disadvantaged communities for emergency and long-term water and wastewater services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Water Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F-1. ASSISTANCE TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Sec. 17.351. ASSISTANCE. (a) The board shall provide financial assistance for emergency water supplies and for the provision of water supply and sewer services to disadvantaged communities in this state.

(b) Financial assistance under this subchapter may be provided:

(1) as 20-year, no-interest loans to eligible political subdivisions; or

(2) by direct loans to affected disadvantaged communities.

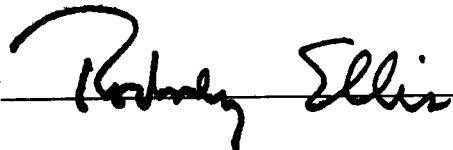
(c) Procedures for application for loans and for the review and award of loans under this subchapter shall be the same as the procedures for the award of assistance for economically distressed areas under Subchapter K.

(d) Emergency loans for provision of services in extreme drought conditions shall receive first priority in the

1 administration of the program established under this subchapter.
2 The board by rule shall define conditions under which a
3 disadvantaged community qualifies for emergency assistance under
4 the program.

5 Sec. 17.352. FUNDING. Assistance under the program
6 established by this subchapter shall be funded through
7 appropriations or through bonds issued by the board for the
8 purposes of this subchapter.

9 SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the
10 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
11 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
12 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
13 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
14 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
15 passage, and it is so enacted.



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Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

Read and referred to Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by:

unanimous consent

____ yeas, ____ nays

Read second time, _____, and ordered engrossed by:

unanimous consent
a viva voce vote

____ yeas, ____ nays

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rule suspended by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays.

Read third time, _____, and passed by:

A viva voce vote

____ yeas, ____ nays

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER ACTION:

Engrossed

Sent to House

Engrossing Clerk _____

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on _____

Reported ____ favorably (as amended) (as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars) (Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting.

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting)

Returned to Senate.

Returned from House without amendment.

Returned from House with ____ amendments.

Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote ____ yeas, ____ nays.

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

_____ Refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences.

_____ Senate conferees instructed.

_____ Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chairman; _____, _____, and _____.

_____ House granted Senate request. House conferees appointed: _____, Chairman; _____, _____, _____.

_____ Conference Committee Report read and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

_____ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the House by: _____

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays

_____ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the Senate by:

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays

OTHER ACTION:

_____ Recommitted to Conference Committee

_____ Conferees discharged.

_____ Conference Committee Report failed of adoption by: _____

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays